

REPORTS DUE JUNE 30. Further information provided below.

- **State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) Teacher and Principal Evaluation Surveys**
- **NCLB HOUSSE forms**
- **Signed assurance for Special Education must be mailed**
- **NSSRS Templates Submitted and Approved**
 - Student
 - Year-end Student Snapshot (Snapshot Date = '2010-06-30')
 - Student Summary Attendance
 - School Enrollment (2009-2010 Completers)
 - Year-end Special Education Snapshot (Snapshot Date = '2010-06-30')
 - Assessment Fact for STARS student performance (Math and Science)
 - Assessment Fact for National Assessment Instrument student results (Reading and Math)
 - Assessment Response (for STARS)
 - Title I Programs
 - Programs Fact: Career Education
 - Programs Fact: Early Childhood
 - Programs Fact: Homeless
 - Programs Fact: Interim
 - Post School Survey (School Year = '2009-06-30')
- **Consolidated Data Collections Submitted and Approved**
 - Annual Participation Report
 - Days in Session/Instructional Program Hours
 - Elementary Class Size
 - ESU/District/System/School Information Report
 - Pupil Transportation Report
 - Substitute Teachers
 - Report of Suspensions/Expulsions
 - State of the Schools Report

NDE Helpdesk

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The NDE Helpdesk is open Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm (CDT). All calls are answered in the order in which they are received and are returned within 24 hours. Districts/Systems are strongly encouraged to correct errors and any warnings if they can be fixed as soon as possible. When calling or e-mailing the NDE Helpdesk, please provide as much detail as possible and let us know if you will be available after 3:30pm or provide alternate phone numbers. The NDE Helpdesk staff appreciate your patience as the June 30 deadlines approach.

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) Teacher and Principal Evaluation Surveys

Contact: Kevin Peters at: 402-471-0739 or Kevin.peters@nebraska.gov

For assistance in reporting, contact the NDE HELPDESK at ndehelpdesk@nebraska.gov

One of the reporting requirements of the four assurances of SFSF is the collection of information on the Teacher and Principal Evaluations systems used by districts. The Teacher and Principal Survey is found in the Consolidated Data Collections tab in the Portal. **All districts must complete this report.**

NCLB HOUSSE forms

Contact Pat Madsen (402-471-4863 or pat.madsen@nebraska.gov)

A Verification Report titled "NCLB Not Qualified", which replaces the NCLB Not Qualified paper report districts previously received in September, can be found in the Portal, NSSRS Student and Staff tab, under NSSRS Validation. Please check district information (i.e. HOUSSE approvals, EECIA testing, etc.). NCLB Qualified Teachers information is available at

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/nclbqualifiedteachers.htm> **HOUSSE applications received by June 30, 2010 will impact 2009-2010 district information.**

NSSRS UPDATES and Helpful Information

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"2009-2010 NAI" Collection for National Assessment Instrument Results

Please remember to select the "2009-2010 NAI" collection when uploading Assessment Fact for National Assessment Instrument Results within NSSRS Data Manager. Error messages (ERROR_VALID_VALUES) such as "Assessment Status Not Found in Master Lookup Table" will appear in Batch Manager if the "Year-end 2009-2010" collection is selected by mistake. Also, please be sure to review the "National Assessment Instrument (NAI/NRT) Reports" summary and detail verification reports to ensure accuracy. The template instructions for "Assessment Fact for National Assessment Instrument Results" are available on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Documents.htm>).

Validation Error 428

NSSRS Validation Error 428 has been disabled. This is the error that identifies students having more days enrollment (present + absent) at the location/grade than there are Days in Session. Although currently disabled, other reports and lookups are available to verify that Student Summary Attendance data is accurate. Districts are strongly encouraged to look at the Student Summary Attendance Lookup Tool found on the NSSRS Validation Home page and review all the reports in the Membership and Attendance section of the Verification Reports page.

Homeless Education Data Reported in the NSSRS

Contact: Roger Reikofski (roger.reikofski@nebraska.gov or 402-471-2968) or NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

As of June 23rd, 239 school districts have not reported data in the Programs Fact Template for Homeless Education. Please make sure to report all data in regards to students in your district who were in a homeless situation any time during the past school year.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

ARRA 1512 Reporting - due July 5, 2010

Contact: Ron Mowrey 402-471-2396 or ron.mowrey@nebraska.gov or Bryce Wilson at (402) 471-3323 or bryce.wilson@nebraska.gov.

The Section 1512 Report data collection for the second quarter of 2010 will be available through the NDE Portal - Consolidated Data Collections (CDC) at <https://portal.nde.state.ne.us>. It will open on June 15, 2010 and remain open until July 5, 2010. **NOTE: July 5th is a holiday for state government. Please plan accordingly as NDE staff will not be available for assistance on that day.** Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis for all agencies including districts, ESUs or School Food Authorities that received ARRA funds.

Dates for the State of the Schools Report 2010

May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All corrections to current year Curriculum Reports due
June 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOSR Preview 2010 opens with data available on the day after submission • NCLB Qualified Teacher data displayed for district preview
June 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative date for adding NeSA-Writing results to SOSR Preview 2010 • AYP Math decisions available when NeSA-writing results are added
June 28 – 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards Setting for NeSA
June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due date for submissions in NSSRS and CDC • HOUSSE forms for NCLB Qualified Teachers due
July 1 – 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AYP Appeals accepted for Math AYP decisions
July 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Board Meeting to approve the achievement standards for NeSA- Reading • AYP State goals set after submission and approval by U. S. Department of Education
July 22- 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSSRS system unavailable for scheduled maintenance and upgrades
August 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts receive their own NeSA – Reading results from NDE • AYP Reading decisions added to SOSR Preview 2010* • AYP Appeals accepted for Reading AYP decisions (30 days after posting)* <p>*Watch for announcements on AYP Reading decisions as this date is tentative</p>
August 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NeSA – Reading results posted on the NDE homepage (initial release will be files with the results for the all students group for all schools and districts)
August 2 – 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Window for correcting 2009-10 data
August 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSSRS opens for 2010-11 school year data
October 16 – November 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSSRS 2009-10 Resubmission window open for drop-out and completer data
October 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release of the State of the Schools Report for the 2009-10 school year

Reminders:

Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA)

Contact: Statewide Assessment Office (402-471-2495)

NeSA Roster Verification Reports

Contact: Statewide Assessment Office (402-471-2495) or NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Two NSSRS verification reports are available to districts to ensure correct demographic information has been provided to NSSRS. The “NeSA-Writing Roster Review” verification report now reflects the final list of students having NeSA-Writing results and the “NeSA-Reading Roster Review” verification report now reflects preliminary list of students having NeSA-Reading results. Demographic corrections are accomplished by submitting an updated NSSRS “Student” template by June 30, 2010.

Release of NeSA Results

After standard setting June 28, 29, and 30, and the approval of the cut scores by the State Board of Education on July 8th, districts should have NeSA final reports from DRC on August 16th and the NeSA-AAR reports from the NDE. As noted in the timetable below, on August 17th there will be a public release of the average state scale scores, scale scores by district and by building. No sub scores, disaggregated data, or AYP decisions will be released to the public until the State of the Schools Report, scheduled for October 1st.

NeSA Testing of 11th graders

The administration of NeSA tests to students in 11th grade has been problematic and has generated questions in Nebraska high schools. High school students, when earning credit, may be classified in more than one grade level in any given year. For example, students could be enrolled as 10th graders in September, and by the time the NeSA assessment window arrives, they might be classified as 12th graders and miss the assessments designated for 11th grade.

Starting in the 2010-11 testing administration of NeSA assessments, high school students will be tested in the year prior to their expected graduation year rather than their assigned grade level. A student's "expected graduation year" or cohort is determined by adding four years to the school year in which the student enters grade nine for the first time. For example, a student with a Cohort Year of 2012 will take his/her assessment tests in 2011. The Cohort Year is based on NSSRS's Expected Graduation Year ([Student: Expected Graduation Timeframe (53)] or [Student Snapshot: Expected Graduation Timeframe (53)]), which districts assign to all students entering high school.

Revised AYP Guidance

Contact: Title I Office (402-471-2481)

The AYP Guidance has been revised to include (a) the transition of Reading AYP to NeSA, (b) the new graduation rate State Goal of 90% and the "show progress" requirement of 2 percentage points, and (c) a new procedure for AYP decisions for very small schools with no groups of at least 30 students. The AYP Guidance (2010) is at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/AssessmentReporting.htm>

State of the Schools Report: 2009-2010 Preview

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The "Preview: State of the Schools Report 2009-2010" accessible via the NDE Portal now displays preliminary Mathematics AYP decisions reflecting Safe Harbor using final NeSA-Writing Results.